

*„International Day of Action
against the Commercialization
of Education“*

Nov. 5th 2008

„One World – One Struggle, Education is NOT for Sale!“

**International
Students Movement**



**for Free and Emancipating
Education**

**International Day of Action Against
the Commercialisation of Education**

反对教育商业化国际行动日

**Día Internacional de Acción
Contra la Comercialización de la Educación**

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Croatia

Two demonstrations were arranged: in Zagreb with 1,500 and in Pula with 500 participants.



News video report: <http://dnevnik.hr/vijesti/hrvatska/studenti-prosvjedovali-trazeci-besplatno-visoko-skolstvo.html>

Germany



Hamburg: students staged first sit-in ever at the office of the Green party (they broke their promise to abolish tuition fees, if elected!)

Düsseldorf: demonstration with more than 300 students

Marburg: „Reclaim your Campus“ action with close to 250 students + occupation of road junctions

Mannheim: demonstration with 500 participants

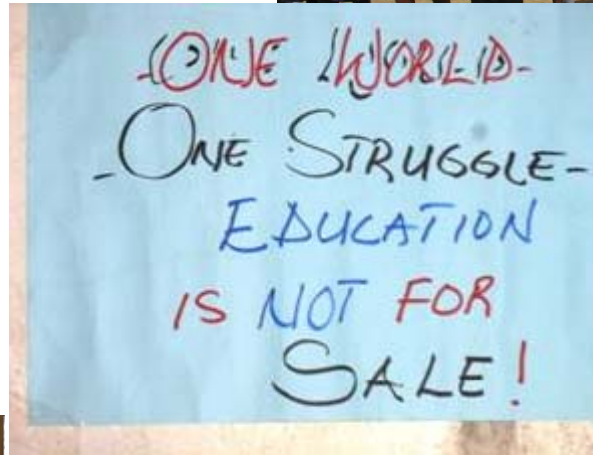
Heidelberg: huge banner attached to the castle + rally at city centre

Frankfurt: „Unspam your Campus“ (removal of all advertisement on two campuses + rally)



Liberia

More than 250 students and teachers from various schools and universities as well as NGO representatives gathered in the capital Monrovia to stage a rally and demonstration.



England

NUS called for a national day of action: thousands of students across the country followed the call.

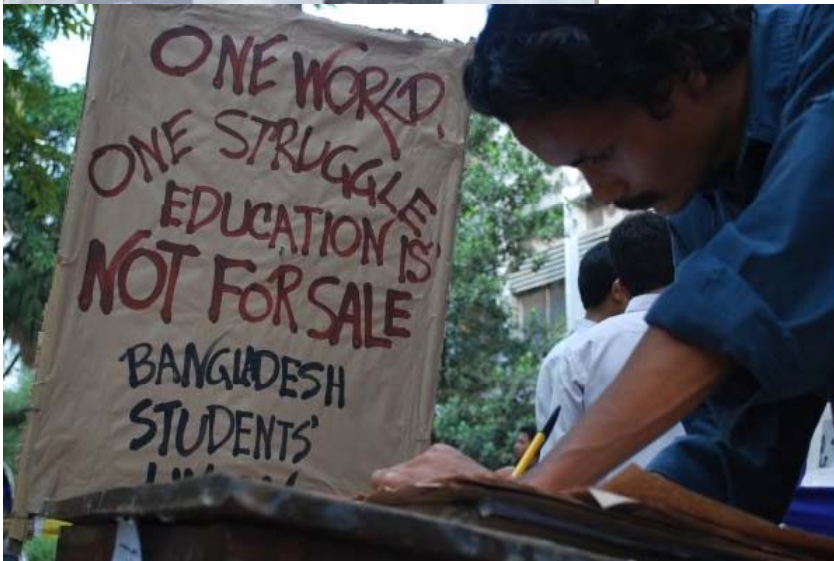


Video:

http://player26.narrowstep.tv/nsp.aspx?player=ANG_HomePage_15&void=254707&title=Students

Bangladesh

A day of events was organized by the Bangladesh Students Union (BSU) on Campus of the University of Dhaka incl. a photo and cartoon display showing the local and international student movements as well as a documentary movie display. A rally was not organized due to the current national state of emergency.



Canada

In dozens of major cities thousands of students rallied and demonstrated following a call for a day of action by the Canadian Federation of Students (CFS) in various provinces and the Committee for Just Education (CJE).



Video:

<http://youtube.com/watch?v=HHZxrn1D2mA>

Bulgaria



Armed with a banner (stating the slogan of the day of action in Bulgarian) and flyers activists at the University of Sofia paid various seminars a visit and also met at 8am in the city centre to distribute pamphlets informing about the international day of action.



Serbia



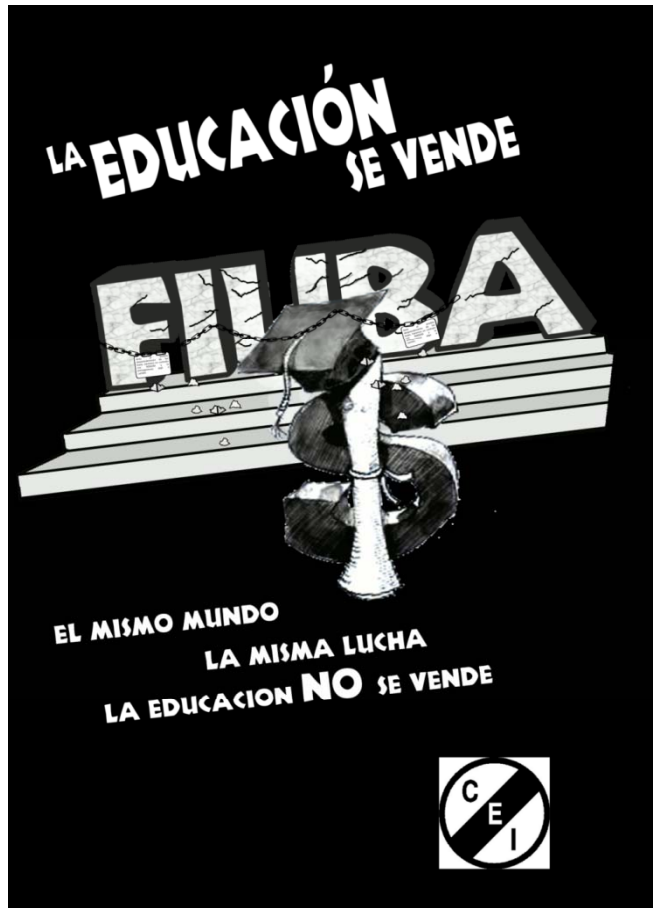
"One World - One Struggle,
Education is not for Sale!"
in Serbian.

Students in Belgrade organized a political rock concert on campus within five days as part of the international day of action.

Around 500 students attended the concert.

Two bands played and four students held speeches.





Students at the University of Buenos Aires arranged a political artistic performance and two seminars, where students, professors and workers' union representatives discussed the international perspective of the commercialization of public education.



Argentina



(f.Y.R.o.) Macedonia

Activists in Skopje arranged a public seminar to discuss the commercialization of education with some prominent professors and students.

They also agreed to arrange protests in the near future.



Turkey



In various cities across Turkey groups protested against the commercialization of education, as well as the oppression of the student movement and High Board of Education.

In Istanbul about 500 students, in Izmir, Diyarbakir and Ankara 300 students each and in other cities 50 to 150 students joined the protests.



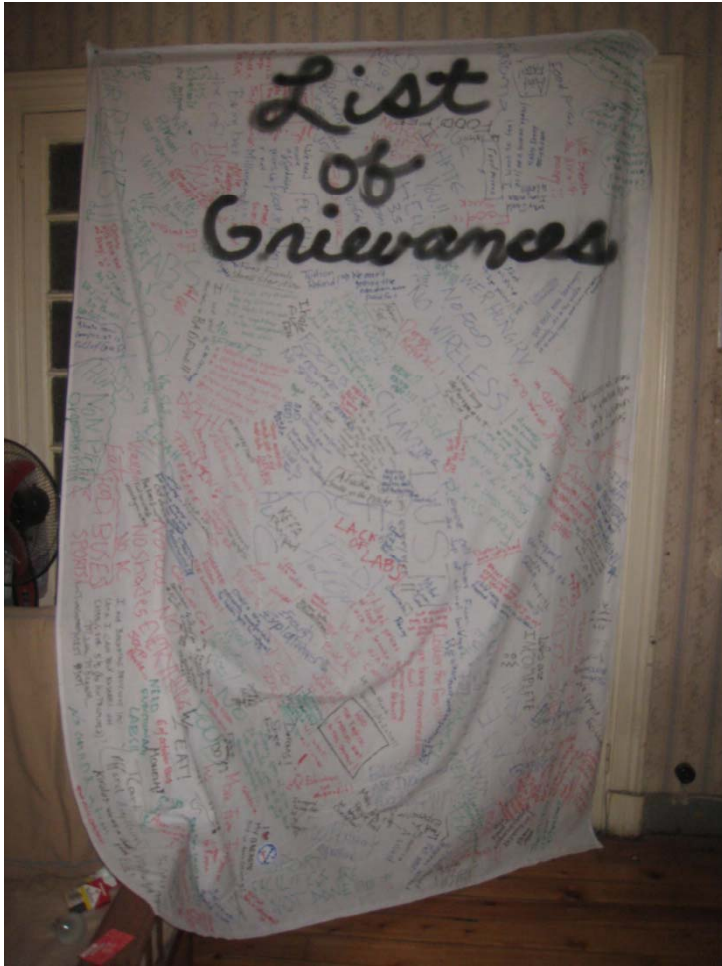
U.S. of A.

The University of Kentucky's Socialist Student Union hosted an event on campus to raise awareness of the issue. Among the many people that held speeches were the guest speaker Dr. Paul Paolucci as he spoke about the commercialization of education and its implications on universities and society. Local bands K Davis and the Have-Nots, Loose Change Development Crew, and M.E. of Black Messiah performed sets drawing curious crowds. Petitions for free education were signed and the event was covered in the evening news.

Furthermore a national week of education and outreach was kicked off on Nov.5th by the nationwide Students for a Democratic Society (SDS).



Egypt



On Nov.5th activists at the American University of Cairo organized a rally to express their demands to the administration. The rally was attended by hundreds of students. Petitions were signed and grievances summarized on a sheet. A ten percent increase in tuition fees, the corporate monopoly of food outlets on campus and a lack of democratic structures at the university are among the issues outraging students.

Further acts of protest as part of the international day of action were arranged by various groups in the following countries:

- the **Netherlands** (a rally in Amsterdam)
- **Sierra Leone** (school tour to sensitize and seminars were arranged in Freetown)
- **Austria** (rally in front of the old stock exchange in Vienna)
- **Ireland** (public meeting held at the University College Dublin)
- **Kyrgyzstan** (activists in Bishkek expressed their solidarity with struggling students around the world, but unfortunately didn't get a permit in time to stage a local protest)
- Groups in **Greece** (Thessaloniki), **Spain** (Valencia), the **Philippines** (Manila), **Colombia** (Bogota), **France** (Angers), **Australia** (Sydney) and **Israel** (Jerusalem) arranged events/protests to mark the international day of action as well.

Activists in at least 25 countries on 5 continents were involved in the "International Day of Action against the Commercialization of Education".

At this moment there are massive protests going on in **Spain, Italy** and **Ireland**.

Groups in **Greece, Canada, Germany** and the **Netherlands** are currently actively struggling against the Commercialization of (and for free and emancipating) public education as well.

Let's arrange a Global Week of Action in 2009!!
For more information visit www.emancipating-education-for-all.org
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United we stand, divided we fall!!

***In Solidarity from Germany,
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